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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 650
By Graves

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Geoffrey Updike, 2002
Valedictorian of Greenbrier High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and tireless commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Geoffrey Updike is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Greenbrier High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unwavering commitment of time and talent, Geoffrey has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Updike has earned an exemplary Grade Point Average; his display of intellectual aptitude and ambition at Greenbrier High School surely bodes well for his future success; and

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WHEREAS, he has been a valuable participant in many organizations and programs at Greenbrier High School, including serving in the Band, the French Club, BPA, which he served as an officer, Youth Helping Youth, the Beta Club, Student Council, Orchestra Percussion, FBLA, FCLA, and Mu Alpha Theta; and

WHEREAS, Geoffrey Updike has demonstrated tremendous athletic ability as a talented member of his school's Golf, Soccer, Tennis, Basketball, and Cross-Country Teams; and

WHEREAS, an enthusiastic volunteer in his community, Geoffrey has generously dedicated his time and energies to the betterment of his fellow citizens, serving in many community programs and organizations, including Habitat for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being named the 2002 Valedictorian of Greenbrier High School, Mr. Updike has received academic recognition as a Duke University TIP since 1995, National English Merit Scholar, and in the Science Olympiad; he has been listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and received Excellence Awards in English 9,11, 12, Algebra I and II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus, Biology, Chemistry, US Government, Economics, US History, World History, and French I and II; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Geoffrey's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Greenbrier High School Valedictorian, Geoffrey Updike, on his impressive academic achievements and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.